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1. CONCERNING US PROPOSAL FOR ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES IN CSCE/CBM CONTEXT, AT POLAD'S ON AUGUST 11, US REF (LEDOGAR) SUGGESTED COMPROMISE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A) IN THE REQUIRED CBM NOTIFICATIONS OF EXERCISES GROSSE ROCHADE AND REFORGER, THE ALLIES WOULD INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT THESE EXERCISES ARE PART OF THE AUTUMN FORGE EXERCISE SERIES.

B) IN THE AUTUMN FORGE PRESS RELEASE, A PHRASE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES WOULD BE ADDED "NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE EXERCISE SERIES WILL MAKE NATIONAL NOTIFICATION AS APPROPRIATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CSCE FINAL ACT."

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C) THE ABOVE STEPS WOULD BE IN LIEU OF THE US PROPOSAL RE AUTUMN FORGE 75, BUT WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO RECONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF ADVANCE GENERAL NOTIFICATION FOR AUTUMN FORGE 76.

2. POLADS WELCOMED THIS EVIDENCE OF US FLEXIBILITY AND AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO COMPROMISE, HOWEVER, SEVERAL ALLIED REPS DID SO ON A PERSONAL BASIS AND SUBJECT TO GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE EXACT WORDS WHICH WOULD BE INCLUDED IN ALLIED CBM NOTIFICATIONS OF THE TWO MAJOR MANEUVERS.

2. TURKISH REP (ERALP), HOWEVER, STATED HIS AUTHORITIES HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPOSED ADDITION TO THE AUTUMN FORGE PRESS RELEASE FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, THE MOST PERSUASIVE OF WHICH WAS THAT THESE WORDS MENTION ONLY "NOTIFICATION" AND DO NOT INCLUDE OTHER CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES SUCH AS POSSIBLE INVITATION OF OBSERVERS. TURKISH REP UNDERTOOK ON A PERSONAL BASIS TO PERSUADE HIS AUTHORITIES TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE WORDS: "APPROPRIATE MEASURES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CSCE FINAL DOCUMENT, WILL BE TAKEN INDIVIDUALLY BY NATIONS INVOLVED IN THE EXERCISE/ MANEUVER SERIES".

3. FRENCH REP (BEAUCHATAUD) SAID THAT WHILE HE WOULD NOT "VETO" THE COMPROMISE HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE TO TAKE CLOSE LOOK AT PROPOSED WORKING OF THE REFERENCE TO THE OVERALL AUTUMN FORGE SERIES PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN NATIONAL NOTIFICATION.

R. POLADS WILL RETURN TO AND HOPEFULLY CONCLUDE THESE MATTERS AT THEIR MEETING ON AUGUST 12.
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